

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 542

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ  
on the occasion of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic community of faith is that of Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ in Cookeville, whose members will celebrate the church's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, founded by community leaders in January 1871, Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ was instrumental in the establishment of Dixie College, which later became Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, a vital community landmark, Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ hosted President Donald J. Trump when he visited Cookeville after the devastating 2020 tornado and viewed the work of the Church of Christ Disaster Relief, as truckloads of relief aid arrived; and

WHEREAS, as the church celebrates 150 years of service, it continues to be a light in the community, and the devout members of the congregation have faithfully striven to carry out God's work in the world; and

WHEREAS, as a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be

appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ, thank the good people of this congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.